member is not entitled to ask supplementary questions to the interpellation by another member. In view of the suggestion from the Chair a few days back I suggest that when the rules are modified provision may be made for every member being permitted to ask supplementary questions on the interpellation asked by one member.

Existence of Stibnite in Travancore,

102. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the researches made by the Department of Industries, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Geological Department has any information about the existence of stibnite in the State;

(*b*) if so, what search has been made for it;

(*c*) whether the Geological Department has, at any time, acquired a furnace and, if so, its cost; and

(*d*) whether any experiments were made with it and, if so, for what purposes and with what results?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Department has no authentic information.

(*b*) No search has been made for it.

(*c*) Yes. Its cost is £3-8-9.

(*d*) It is used for assaying ores, melting metals and such other works as require a high temperature. It is not possible to give the results of the work done with a minor laboratory apparatus like a furnace.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has the Government any information about the existence of this mineral?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no authentic information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has the Government any information authentic or not authentic?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No information whatever is available. No geologist has recorded the presence of this mineral.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the purport of using the word authentic?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is exactly what it conveys. By saying that no authentic information is available I mean that nobody has recorded his opinion on this subject after survey. Some people may have made guesses.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has anybody given such an information to the Government or to the papers?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no information whatever with regard to the existence of this particular substance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to the furnace, may I know whether the furnace is being worked at present?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Where?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): In the Laboratory.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Who is the particular officer who makes use of this at present?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Industrial Chemist.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know for what purpose the machine is used?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer. It is being used in several ways and the results are unknown.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has it produced any result?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From the operation of a furnace we cannot say that any result has been produced.

Sub-Registrar's Office, Trivandrum.

103. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware:

(i) that the large number of men and women who flock to the Sub-Registrar's Office, Trivandrum, are left to the mercy of the sun and rain for want of a waiting shed;

(ii) that they are put to considerable hardship and inconvenience for want of drinking water on account of the paucity of a well there;

(iii) that the men, and women more, are suffering difficulty for want of a latrine there; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the question of redressing the grievances of the public in this as well as other similarly situated Sub-Registrars' offices in the State at a very early date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) Government are aware that there is no waiting shed attached to the Sub-Registrar's office at Trivandrum.

(ii) The Director of Registration reports that there is a well in the compound.

(iii) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (*a*) (ii) of the question may I know from the Chief Secretary whether the letter of the Director of Registration that there is a well in the compound contains any information as to whether there is any water in the well that is now being used by the people?

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